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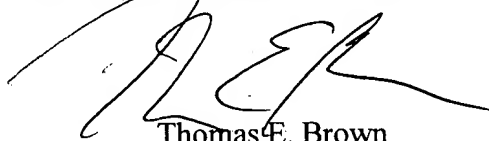
**REMARKS**

Claim 1-4 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended by replacing the term "sidewall of the vessel" with the term "the surface of the inner wall of the vessel" in order to place the application in better condition for examination.

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